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ROBERTSON'S LETTER

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used now, as the present dynasty being unfavorable to them and has allowed them to fall into decay and ruin. As you look at the years and years accumulation of dust, with the ancient and wonderful carvings and tapestries, and listen to the guide telling of the different legends connected with each, your mind unconsciously wanders back the Arabian Nights fables, and if a dragon came up through the floor I don't think he would seem out of place.

We now continued on our way toward the Forbidden City, leaving the Tartar City and Imperial City behind, we soon came to large towers in which from sundown to sunrise they used to keep tom-toms sounding all the time as a sign that all was well.

Arriving at the wall of the Forbidden

City we were compelled to stop, as this is the limit for foreigners, all gates being guarded. However, we had an excellent view of the Winter Palace as it loomed above the wall, also of Cole Hill just out side of the Forbidden City. Here is where the Chinese emperors are carried to lie in state after death, it being the law that the emperor must be removed from the Purple City inside of twenty-four hours after he dies, and must lie in state 100 days on Cole Hill before finally being taken to the tombs of his ancestors. The wall surrounding the Forbidden City is bounded by a moat about 75 feet wide and filled with water to a considerable depth. It was completely filled with Chinese water lilies all in bloom and was a very pleasing and refreshing sight after the dust of the morning. This completed our tour until after dinner, so we all went back to the hotel and dinner.

Temple of Heaven.

The grounds of the temple of Heaven are three square miles in area and embrace thirteen temple buildings. These grounds are well kept and covered with large cypress and cedar trees, each temple building is surrounded by a wide moat which is filled with water during the time the emperor is here worshipping. He only comes here once each year. The first building is the Temple of Abstinence. We all sat in the chair used on these yearly visits, and said to have been used by previous emperors for the past 500 years. The mountings of this chair are of ivory and the carvings on it as well as on the screen that surrounds it are something wonderful. We next went to see the bed used by the emperor, for he remains in this temple for six days alone, seeing and speaking to no one, but goes to the temple each morning and praying to the josh all day and returning to his room at night, waiting on himself, while his entire court remain outside. At the end of six days he is supposed to have received enough counsel on all the matters of great importance to enable him to govern the empire with wisdom for the ensuing year.

The Temple of Music.

Here is where his entire court remain during his six days of abstinence. It is a huge pleasure hall and we were shown every kind of musical instrument known to the Chinese.

The Temple of Sacrifice.

This temple is an open air temple, being an immense pile of pure white marble, circular in shape and about three stories in height. On top, at night is held a huge feast attended by the emperor, one prince of each house of the royal blood and one mandarin of each degree. The menu consists of every kind of flesh, fish and fowl eaten by the Chinese, two of each being slaughtered and sacrificed in huge sacrifice pits forming a circle around the entire temple, the burning taking place while the feast is in progress. The fuel used on this occasion being costly silks, incense and the usual symbolical paper slips used by the Chinese on all religious occasions. We were not allowed in the Temple of Sealed Tablets, as this temple is only used on the occasion of an emperor coming to the throne. Outside however it is something grand, being built of pure white marble with the usual elaborate carvings and a roof of colored tiles.

The last and most costly of the temples here is the Temple of the North Arter, this being the place where the

final ceremonies of the annual visit take place, and where the emperor makes his gifts. Before entering this place he enters a tent of silk made especially for this occasion and bathes in perfumed water and is further purified with incense, then accompanied by all his followers he enters. The ceiling is covered with rare carvings in ivory and decorated with designs in pure beaten gold and silver, and the tapestries are beyond description. Here is found the Chinese Dragon in marble, ivory, gold, silver and, in fact, dragons of all material one can think of.

The Temple of Agricultural.

This is the last place we visited. The emperor comes here once a year to plant the seed of every fruit of the soil used for food by the Chinese and to pray for good crops. He is accompanied here by all the royal princes and each plows a furrow and plants his seed, the emperor taking the two center rows and the princes arranged on each side of him according to rank. The plow being drawn by sacred oxen who are sacrificed as soon as the ceremony is over. The plow used by the emperor is of gold as well as all the other implements he uses. We saw the patch of ground plowed the previous spring and the crops were growing nicely, although they did not look any different to any other, notwithstanding the royal blood of the planters. The only difference I noticed in regard to this special piece of ground and any other was that we were not allowed to get very close to it. We saw the golden plow and the sacred heard of bulls kept for the succeeding plantings.

It was now growing near the end of the day and we were all tired and dusty, so we hurried back to the hotel to our bath and supper after which we felt considerably better. I believe Peking is the dirtiest city in China and when I spoke to our guide about it he said that showed to the Chinese idea a very busy and prosperous city.

The most people I saw at Peking were the attendants at the various temples we visited, they certainly were busy bleeding us for money from the time we entered until we left, at first we commenced giving them ten cent pieces (Mex), but even at this rate we soon discovered our money would not last. Finally one of our number conceived the idea of getting some Chinese cash (you get 1000 cash for a Mexican dollar), so after we had supplied ourselves with a canvas bag full of cash it was easy for us but very unsatisfactory to the attendants. However,

we enjoyed their discomfort as much as they hated us for doing it, besides the fun we had with the beggars to whom we threw handfuls of the cash to and when there became too big a crowd we would say to our rickshaw man "chop, chop!" and away he would go like the wind and distance them all.

The rickshaw men are wonders, they can run around in the sun all day and seem to never get tired, and if you are in a hurry and he thinks there is a probability of a few dimes extra pay, you have almost an equal to a 2:30 trotter.

The following morning we turned our faces Concordward once more and I was indeed glad to get away from the dirt and dust of Peking, and while I would have not missed the trip for anything, still nothing could induce me to make the trip again, for even though the sights one sees are intensely interesting the dust and dirt take away the pleasure.

As we were leaving I stood on the rear platform of the train and looked at the great wall with as much interest as I did when I first saw it and still decided that it was the only thing in Peking I would ever care to see again.

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Estray Notice.

Logan, Utah.
I have in my possession the following described animals, which if not claimed and taken away will be sold at public auction to the highest cash bidder at my corral in Logan City on January 2, 1907, at 12 m.:
One black mare, right front leg crippled, right ear split, no brand visible, about ten years old, with colt.
One black horse, about five years old, branded on right shoulder LR combined.
One roan horse, about ten years, branded B on left thigh.
One gray horse, about ten years old, brand on right shoulder SS reversed and combined and bar over.
The above animals were impounded on December 15.
One red cow, dehorned, branded with J in center of diamond brand on left side.
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Smithfield.

Thomas Neesen and Bessie McDonald will be married on Wednesday.

Mr. John Shepard is spending the holidays with his wife and family.

Mrs. Sarah Noble is improving her property by building a new fence.

THE REPUBLICAN will reach here Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Mrs. Alma Littlelike is around again after a serious illness.

Our schools close on Friday for the holiday vacation.

-If you want to become graceful, learn to skate.

Hyrum Stake Conference

The quarterly conference of the Hyrum Stake will be held in Hyrum Saturday and Sunday, December 22 and 23. Meetings at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. A full attendance of officers and members is desired.

WM. C. PARKINSON,
A. M. ISAELSON,
WM. H. MAUGHAN,
Stake Presidency.

Knit Goods at Half Price

We have on hand a large assortment of our home knit goods which were made to order during the past season for some of our customers. These goods were not called for, and we now offer them to the public at ONE HALF their regular selling price. No such an offering of knit goods has ever been made in this city.

We also have a large line of Men's heavy fleece lined Shirts and Drawers that we are offering at 80c per suit.

Blankets, wool and cotton. We are selling them at bedrock prices. We must dispose of them at once.
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We are closing out a line of fancy all wool Sweaters for Men at \$3.75. These goods formerly sold for \$5.00. We also have some fancy Golf Jackets for Women at prices from \$2.25 to \$3.75.

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